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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jiangchun Xu et al.
Application No. : 09/232,880
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For : COMPOUNDS FOR IMMUNODIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE
CANCER AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

Examiner : Alana M. Harris
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Docket No. : 210121.428C6
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on March 27, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 27-30 and 34-37 to read as follows: }

27. (Twice Amended) A method for determining the presence or absence of prostate cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting a biological sample obtained from the patient with an oligonucleotide that hybridizes to SEQ ID NO:67 under moderately stringent conditions; and

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